This Is Tuberculosis Day---How Will You Help the Cause?

BY JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.

HIS, our church salendar sayeth,
is Tuberculosis Day.

With the rest of the preachers,

I have been asked to devote it to an antiphthisis sermon for my flock-those thousands of heathen who will stay at home from church and read the Sunday

peopers.

Perhaps you remember "Prison Sunday," a Sabbath which many churches, a generation ago, devoted to sermons purposed to lessen crime and aid the reform of criminals. Well, "Prison Sunday," which it was proposed to observe on the last Sunday of April, but which had to be postponed because of a conflict with some church calendars. With the change of date came also a change of name, from "Tuberculosis Sunday," to "Tuberculosis Day." Arrangement for its observance has been made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, alhed with which are 680 local antituberculosis associations and committees, scattered about the country. These organizations constitute a vast army of physicians, world workers and philanthropists, volunteering in a twentieth century crusade against the cohorts of the white vampire. Through these 600 regiments the commander-in-chief, thomer Folks (president of the national association), and his staf have handed down the schedule for to-day's muchaecaded educational campaign. President of down the schedule for to-day's much down the schedule for to-day's indus-meeded educational campaign. President Folks is a charity expert who helped the government reorganize the public charities of Cuba, and who has served as Commissioner of Charities of New Commissioner of Charities of New York City. Among his neid marshals in this crusade are President Taft, head of the American Red Cross, which has raised over \$1,000,000 for the tuberculosis sufferers; Theodore Roosewell and Sir William Osler.

Costs Haif Billion Yearly. Tuberculosis is costing our country 100,000 a year in loss of life and labor. 16 we could stay this monster's hand for just eight months we would save enough to pay for the entire Panama consult to pay for the entire Panama canal Every three minutes some American falls a victim to its sting. Murder all the people in Denver. St. Paul or Portland, Oreg., and you but repeat the slaughter caused by this grim foe in one year. It slays one-third of all Americans who die during their most useful and productive period of life—that between eighteen and forty-five. Herd all American consumptives to-day into one area, and you have a population of one million souls—equal to that of Pittsburgh and Detroit combined.

You are a shirking citizen if, with these cold facts fresh in your mind, you refuse to interest yourself in the tuberculosis problem.

you refuse to interest yourself in the tuberculosis problem. Among the 100,000 people directly surrounding you there will have been 180 deaths from tuberculosis within this year of grace, and for every one of these deaths there will be five consumptives lauguishing in the same community. Even though you cannot contribute your mite of money toward the allayistion of this suffering, you can

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ing, on an adequate scale, hospitale for advanced and incurable cases of tuberculosis, dispensaries giving early diagnosis, and advice to suspects, municipal tuberculosis nurses working under the direction of the school physician open-adr schools of classrooms for children predisposed to tuberculosis, a system for the pasteurization of milk and cream, regulations providing for the compulsory removal of careless and dangerous tuberculosis, patients and day camps or a sanaterium for curable patients. Are you willing to do your part in protecting your community by helping to supply these links in the chain of security devised by experts who have studied the problem?

Growth of the Novement.

The progress of this crusade may be seen in the fact that in seven years the number of our antituberculosis organizations has increased from 24 to 526 of tuberculosis nospitals and saniatoria, from 115 to 566, and of special tuberculosis dispensaries from 15 to 166 How has this increase of organized effort affected the tuberculosis death and a scheme by which the little follow could get his full rest. She got the parents the \$2 per week.

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effort affected the tuberculosis death rate. According to the latest static-ties gathered by the census office the tuberculosis death per 100.000 of population have in five years readily detressed in the following steps: 186, 175 tot 50 and 100 This means that in a community of 100,363 people twenty less people die from consumption, to day than gave up their ghosts as pressit of that dread disease, when the crusade began. The proof of the packing is in the eating.

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The latest novelty devised for combatting the white death is the open-air a need. The most valuable asset in our capital of national vitality is the health of the children, says Driberns P. Wood, professor of physical education, Columbia University, in a report just made to the United States flur-au of Education. Of the 20,006, one wheel children in this country, according to Dr. Wood, probably 5 per cent, 1,661,000 at least have now or have had tunerculosis disease of the lungs.

The open-air schools have been established for these little unfortunates. Over a hundred such institutions have

manner as will best forward their work. It may be applied not only to day camps, but to the employment of tuberculosis nurses, the supply of special diet or the support of educational work. Mr. Ernest P. Bicknell, the national director of the Red Cross told me yesterday that up to date these. Christmas scals have netted the antituberculosis crusade over a million dollars. Last year his office distributed \$2,00,000 of them. He showed me the design to be used on these stamps during the coming Christmas scales of his portrait is a cluster of Christmas greens and in each corner of the stamp is a red cross. The millions of these scals which holiday shoppers will paste on their gifts this winter will save hundreds of our citizens, big and little, from the jams of the white vampire.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch, I Harrisonburg, Va., October 26.—Mrs. William Yancey and daughters, Misses Mary and Loise, left Thursday for Croset, Albemarle County, to receive Kemper Yancey, the famous football coach, and his bride on their return from their bridal tour.

Mrs. J. G. Kneisley, of Woodstock, visited her father, P. L. Yates, hers this week.

Mies Virginia Andes, guest of Misses Alice and Ida Funkhouser, has returned to her home near Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hedrick and daughter, Miss Ida, all of Dayton, left Thursday for Florida, where they may locate permanently. Mr. Hedrick, who often occupies the United Brethren pulpit, is one of the best known temperance workers in the State.

Miss Mary Fletcher has returned to her nome in Accomac, after a visit to Miss Margaret Peale.

Miss Mary Grattan is visiting relatives in Fairfax County.

Hon. and Mrs. C. P. Jones, of Monterey, Highland County, were guests this week of Dr. T. O. Jones, a brother of Mr. Jones.

Judge and Mrs. G. G. Grattan are visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. J. L. Wissler, of Mt. Jackson, visited her s'ster, Mrs. W. H. DeBruin, this week, who is ill in the Rockingham Hospital.

Mrs. G. C. Holmes has returned to her home at Furry, after a visit to Miss Virginia Converse.

Mrs. Martha Keister, of McDowell, Highland County, was the guest this week of her son, W. H. Keister, superintendent of the public schools.

Dr. T. O. Heatwole, of Baltimora, visited his brother. Professor C. J. Heatwole, of the State Normal School, this week.

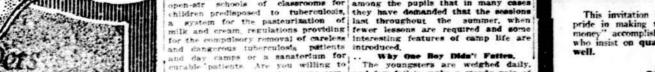
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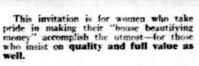
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